



'A Moment Unprecedented ...'



With such moments of solemn expression the President delivered his forthright message to Congress, the Nation and the world that to the American concept of "freedom as the supremacy of human rights everywhere" there can be no end save victory.

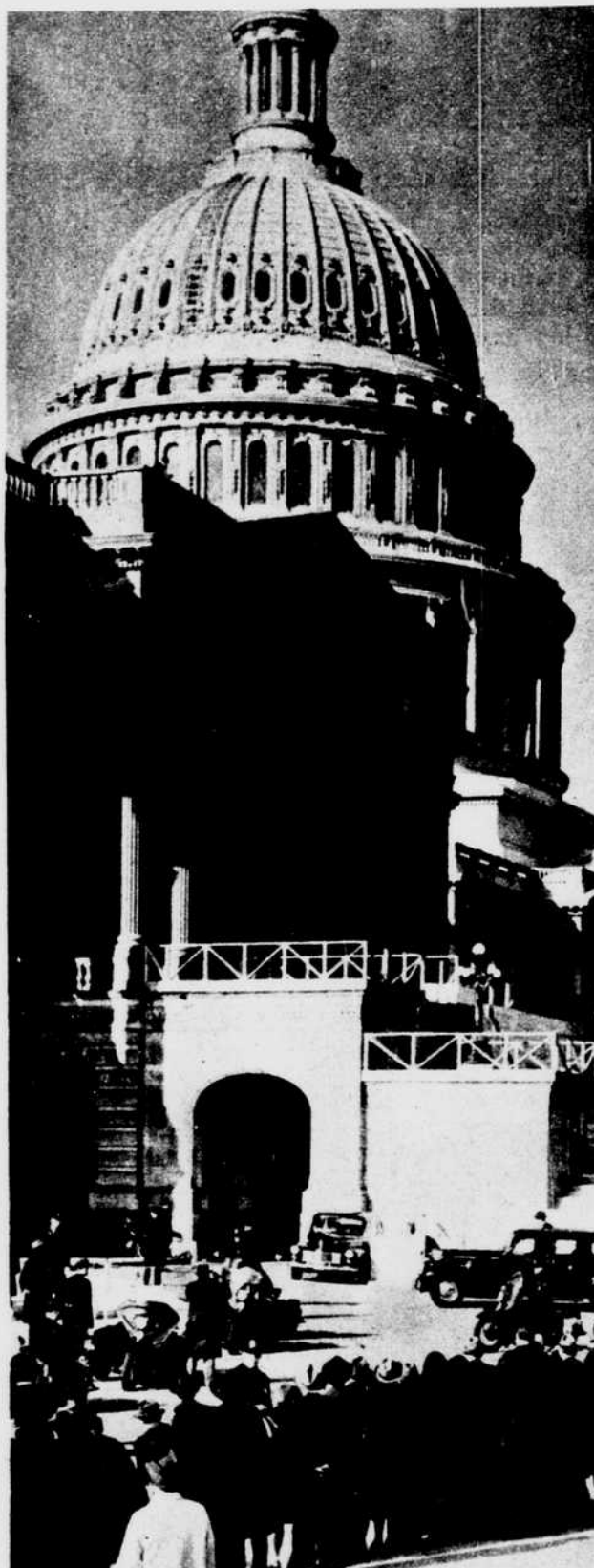
**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT** delivers his momentous message on the threat to American security to gravely intent members of the Seventy-seventh Congress, meeting in joint session in the House chamber. Packed galleries and members of the cabinet, ranged in the front row at right, heard the President call for a "swift and driving increase in our armaments" for the defense of America and for the use of other nations now defending their freedom against the axis powers.



Texas boss start of new Congress. Vice President Garner and Speaker Sam Rayburn, chatting before they mounted the House rostrum to preside over the joint session which heard the President's message. Mr. Garner hands over the vice presidential gavel to Henry A. Wallace on January 20.



A lighter note as the joint session gathered. Five of the eight woman members of the House found the occasion not all solemnity. Left to right: Representative Jeanette Rankin of Montana, Representative Frances P. Bolton of Ohio, Representative Mary T. Norton of New Jersey, Representative Margaret Chase Smith of Maine and Representative Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts.



History is made on the Capitol Plaza. Police hold crowd to the sidewalk as the White House car brings President Roosevelt to the Capitol to deliver the message that was no doubt heard 'round the world.



For such peoples as theirs it was a voice in the wilderness. Arriving with Mrs. Roosevelt to hear the President's message to Congress are Crown Prince Olav and Crown Princess Martha, royal refugees from their Nazi-conquered Norway. Wide World, Star Staff and A. P. Photos.